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1. In the course of the summer of 1950, the DDR will conclude a series of treaties similar to that recently concluded with Poland with the remaining satellite countries of eastern Europe (Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Rumania, and Hungary). Erich Kops, the DDR ambassador to Hungary, and Fritz Grosse, the ambassador to Czechoslovakia, visited Walter Ulbricht in Berlin in the week of 12 June to discuss details of these treaties. The treaty with Czechoslovakia will fix the frontiers at the 1937 border, and will record certain trade agreements. Ulbricht is planning to travel to the above four satellite states during the summer of 1950 to continue discussions concerning these treaties. He will probably be accompanied by Grete Kuckhoff, his assistant in charge of economic policy, who was present at the Warsaw discussions.

2. Rudolf Appelt, the DDR ambassador to the USSR, was provided with full authorization to conclude trade agreements, but this authorization has since been rescinded, apparently because of the objections of the USSR.

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4. Opinion in the DDR Ministry of Foreign Affairs concerning the FDJ Whitsun rally is that it was a tremendous success, that it demonstrated that all the youth of the DDR is enthusiastically in favor of the republic.
5. Personnel of the DDR Ministry for Foreign Affairs are given political and professional training at the Verwaltungs-Akademie Walter Ulbricht in Forst Zinna. There are two courses offered, one lasting six months and the other two years. In addition, there are regular weekly orientation seminars held within the ministry itself, on Wednesday mornings from 0815 to 1015 hours. For this purpose, the personnel is divided into groups of 15-20 persons and different speakers are provided each week. The seminars tend, however, to be perfunctory questions and answers based on the main points of the current SED party line.

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